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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of this application on the merits, entry of the following amendments is earnestly solicited.

In the Specification:

At page 1, line 6, after "metabolism" delete "," and insert in place thereof --or--.

At page 1, line 7, replace "and or" with --and/or--.

At page 2, line 21, replace "bacteria, in particular resistant strains" with --bacteria and, in particular, resistant strains--.

At page 2, line 31, after "metabolism" delete "," and insert in place thereof --or--.

At page 13, line 29, replace "S(O)n" with -- $S(O)_n$ --.

At page 38, lines 21-24, replace all of the information contained therein with the following:

--Another class of multivalent compounds that fall within the scope of the definitions of Formula I include compounds which are the aglycone derivatives of glycopeptides. Such compounds are depicted as a triangle that shows only the carboxyl terminus, labeled [C], the

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